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breaks, only the service could be taken into account and the pension calculated—it is not necessary hereafter to condone breaks.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR: ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு சர்வீஸ் ரெஜிஸ்டர் இருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: இருக்கிறது.

Salaries to teachers

* 140 *Q.*—SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some of the teachers of High Schools under Private Management in Tirupattur, North Arcot district, have not been paid their salaries for the last many months; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) If the hon. Member refers to the Ramakrishna High School, Tiruppattur, a statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER: In his report, the Director says that the school was not granted timely recognition in 1957–58 and that grants for the year were withheld. But subsequent to that, I received complaints that the teachers were not given their pay for the months of last October and November. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to expedite calling for reports and to arrange for seeing that this kind of chronic delays are not allowed to recur in future at least?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: There was a change in the management also—the Correspondent was changed—and we are hoping that with this change matters would improve.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: May I know whether in spite of the change in correspondentship, the pay of teachers is still in arrears for over one year or it has been paid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have that information.

Bridge across Palar river

* 141 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state with reference to answer to Legislative Council Question No. 9, dated 31st October 1957—

(*a*) whether the work on the construction of a bridge across the Palar at Arcot has since been completed;

(*b*) if not, the stage at which it now stands and when the work is likely to be completed;

(*c*) whether any extra cost has been incurred by the Government on the continuance of the staff beyond the target date fixed for completion of work; and

(*d*) if so, whether there is any proposal to recover it from the contractors?

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The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) The bridge work has been completed up to deck level. A part of wearing cost, hand railing revetment guide bund formation and the formation of approaches are in progress. The work is expected to be completed by March 1959.

(*c*) Yes, Sir. A sum of Rs. 42,909 has been incurred by Government as extra cost.

(*d*) No, Sir. The contractors have already been penalised to the extent of Rs. 5,000 whenever slackness on their part was noticed.

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : As this extra cost referred to in clause (*a*) is evidently due to the delay on the part of the contractor, will the Government consider the desirability of enforcing strictly the penalties according to the agreement and recover this amount from the contractor?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : We cannot say that. We have already penalised him.

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister have the matter examined in the light of what I have stated?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : Yes.

Road between Tiruvallur and Arkonam

* 142 *Q.*—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any road is being formed between Tiruvallur and Arkonam; and

(*b*) if so, when the work was started and when it is likely to be completed?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) The work has not been commenced, as the grant promised by the Government of India was not made available. They have been addressed on the question of incurring expenditure initially from State funds to be recouped later from Central funds. Their reply is awaited.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : ஸார், இங்கு கொடுக்கப் பட்டிருக்கும் தமிழ் வினாத்தாளில் ஒவ்வொரு கேள்விக்குக் கீழேயும் அ, ஆ, இ, ஈ, என்று எழுத்துக்களை குறிப்பிட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். இந்த எழுத்துக்கள் எதைக் குறிக்கின்றன என்று தெரிவிக்க வேண்டுகிறேன்.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : They refer to the clauses.